

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Before paragraph [0001], please insert the following:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Before paragraph [001], please delete the following:

DESCRIPTION

Before paragraph [007], please insert the following:

-- BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please amend paragraph [007] as follows:

[007] This object is solved by the a dishwasher and method according to the invention according to claim 1 and by the relevant method according to claim 11. Advantageous further developments of the invention are characterised by the dependent claims and an equivalent present claims.

Before paragraph [028], please insert the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please amend paragraph [028] as follows:

[028] These and other features of this disclosure will be more readily understood from the following detailed description of the various aspects of the disclosure taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing that depicts various embodiments of the

~~disclosure, in which: The invention is explained in detail hereinafter using an exemplary embodiment with reference to the drawings. In the figures:~~

Before paragraph [030], please insert the following:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS OF THE
PRESENT INVENTION --

Please amend paragraphs [033]-[034] as follows:

[033] In a dishwasher 14 according to the invention comprising a washing container 1 with interior 3, crockery basket 2, sump 8 and spray arms 11, i.e. especially as rotating spray arms or as a fixed spray base, ozone is generally added with the other components of the air to the rinsing liquor 4 and/or the interior 3 of the washing container 1 during a partial program step with a cleaning action, e.g. "clean". The partial program steps "intermediate rinse" and "clear rinse" also have a cleaning action to remove residual contamination and the partial program step "pre-wash", to remove the coarsest contamination. As a result, the ozone can usefully perform its cleaning and disinfecting action in particular and also its decolouring and deodorising function. For this purpose, the ozone and normally the other components of the air are either introduced into the rinsing liquor 4 for reaction and/or solution or introduced into the interior 3 of the washing container 1. The ozone is introduced into the rinsing liquor 4, for example, using a porous membrane 12 (frit or sprudelstein) at the bottom of the washing container 1. For this purpose, the ozone obtained from the oxygen in the air using the ozone generator 6 is introduced into the porous membrane 12 via the feed pipe 7. An air pump 10 is additionally used for this purpose. As a result of the microscopically small pores of the membrane 12, very small air bubbles with ozone enter into the rinsing liquor 4 which increases the solubility and the reactivity as a result of the larger ratio of surface area of volume of air. When air containing ozone is introduced into the interior 3 of the washing

container 1, the ozone dissolves and reacts with the rinsing liquor 4 on actuating the spray arms 411.

[034] In addition, the air containing ozone can be sucked into the rinsing liquor 4 using a water jet pump 15, where rinsing liquor 4 is understood in this context also as the raw water used as rinsing liquor 4. Following the nozzle-shaped constriction with negative pressure for sucking in air, the water jet pump 15 advantageously has a section of significantly increased cross-section as a diffuser. As a result of the fine distribution of the ozone in the water jet pump in the diffuser, the solubility of the ozone in the water is increased and the formation of OH' radicals is made easier. The water jet pump can be contained in the raw water pipe for the rinsing liquor 4 and in the circulating pipe of the circulating pump for acting upon the spray arms 11 (not shown). In this case, preferably not all the rinsing liquor contained in the circulating pipe is fed through the water jet pump but a part thereof is fed via a branch, where a control valve is provided at the branch for example, so that the fraction which is passed through the water jet pump can be regulated. Thus, the quantity of ozone introduced into the rinsing liquor can be regulated (not shown).